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LACTATION AVERAGES BY BREED AND YEAR FOR OFFICIAL DHI COWS CALVING FROM 1954 THROUGH 1968 1/

This publication contains lactation averages for milk yield (lb.), fat percentage and fat yield (lb.), by breed and year of calving for the years 1954-68. Lactation averages have been standardized to a twice-a-day-milking (2X), 305-day lactation length, mature equivalent (M.E.) basis.

Lactation averages for the years 1965, 1966, 1967, and 1968 are being reported for the first time. Lactation averages for the years 1954 through 1964 have been previously reported by USDA in the following publications:

| ARS 44-82 | DHIA Lactation Averages 1956-57 |
|------------|--------------------------------------------|
| ARS 44-104 | DHIA Lactation Averages 1958 |
| ARS 44-105 | DHIA Lactation Averages 1959 |
| ARS 44-143 | DHIA Lactation Averages 1960-61 |
| ARS 44-147 | Dairy-Herd-Improvement Letter, June 1964 |
| ARS 44-161 | Dairy-Herd-Improvement Letter, June 1965 |
| ARS 44-181 | Dairy-Herd-Improvement Letter, June 1966 |
| ARS 44-194 | Dairy-Herd-Improvement Letter, August 1967 |
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However, the breed-year averages in the current publication may differ slightly from previous lactation averages because of the more appropriate adjustment factors used in these computations.

Records included in averages. -- Only Official DHI records 2/ which passed USDA editing procedures described in Dairy-Herd-Improvement Letter, ARS 44-222, December 1970, were included in the averages. Cows were not included if the breed of sire and breed of dam were different. Records of cows with unknown sires or dams were included in averages for the cow's breed.

For instance, a cow reported as a Brown Swiss (breed 5) would not have been included if her dam was coded as another breed. However, if the cow's sire or dam has been reported as breed 0, unknown, the cow would have been included in the averages for Brown Swiss cows.

How records were standardized to a 2X, 305-day, M.E. basis. -- Lactations where cows were denied an opportunity to milk 305 days were projected to a 305-day basis with factors that account for differences in lactation curves by breed, age, and the two yield traits--milk and fat. These factors are currently used by USDA and were published in Dairy-Herd-Improvement Letter, ARS 44-164, August 1965.

All lactations were adjusted to a mature equivalent (M.E.) basis by the age adjustment factors currently in use by USDA. These account for variation due to breed, season, region, and the two yield traits--milk and fat. The factors used were published in Dairy-Herd-Improvement Letter, ARS 44-188, February 1967.

Lactation made on three- or four-times-a-day milking were reduced to a two-times-a-day (2X) basis with factors

²/ DHIR records are included since they are also Official DHI records.

published in ARS 52-1 (Kendrick, 1955) 3/.

Fat percentages were computed from the 2X, 305-day, M.E. milk and fat yields, which put them on the same basis.

Tables of averages and numbers of records by breed and year.-The number of Official DHI lactation records available for each year of calving and respective 2X, 305-day, M. E. averages for lactation milk yields, fat percentages, and fat yields are presented in separate tables for each breed.

Averages for Ayrshires are in table 1. For example, they show that in 1968 there were 23,803 Official DHI lactation records of Ayrshire cows that passed USDA edits. These lactation records averaged 11,219 pounds of milk, 3.90 percent fat, and 437 pounds of milk fat on a 2X, 305-day, M.E. basis. Similar data for other breeds are in tables 2 through 8. Data for Guernseys are in table 2, for Holsteins in table 3, for Jerseys in table 4, for Brown Swiss in table 5, for Milking Shorthorns in table 6, for Red Danes in table 7, and for Red Polls in table 8.

Annual changes by breed and period.—The average annual changes in yields and number of records reported by breed and period are shown for the five major dairy breeds in table 9. The 5-year periods were chosen to show the major time trends free of the small year-to-year fluctuations.

The annual increase in milk yield accelerated between 1954 and 1968 for Ayrshires, Guernseys, and Jerseys. For instance the increase for Guernseys averaged 99 pounds per year between 1954 and 1958, 108 pounds per year between 1958 and 1963, and 126 pounds per year between 1963 and 1968.

The annual change in fat yields ranged from less than a pound to 7.5 pounds. For the majority of the breeds and periods the increases varied between 4 and 5 pounds.

^{3/} Kendrick, J. F. Standardizing Dairy Herd Improvement Association Records in Proving Sires. U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service. ARS 52-1, 1955.

There was very little change over the 15 years in the fat percentages of Holstein and Brown Swiss cows. However, fat percentages declined in the other three breeds. Jerseys showed the greatest decrease during the 15-year period. The rate of decrease was greatest between 1958 and 1963. Fat percentages for Ayrshires and Guernseys were fairly stable from 1954 to 1964, but have decreased more rapidly since 1964 in both breeds.

Table 9 also shows that the number of lactation records reported to USDA increased between 1954 and 1964 for all breeds. The major causes of the increase were (1) the doubling in number of cows on Official DHI and (2) the increase in percentage of Official DHI records reported to USDA from about 50 percent in 1954 to 90 percent in 1968. The great increase in number of records reported between 1958 and 1963 was also affected by the rapid expansion of centralized computer processing of Official DHI records.

The numbers of records reported increased for all breeds between 1954 and 1963, and continued to increase for Holsteins, Jerseys, and Brown Swiss between 1963 and 1968.

Annual percentage changes by breed and period. -- The average annual percentage changes in yields and numbers of records are presented in table 10. The changes were expressed as percentages to eliminate the effects of the breed means.

Annual percentage increases in average milk yields varied from 0.52 to 1.59 percent, but were mostly from 1.0 to 1.6 percent. The most notable of the changes in milk yield were as follows: Ayrshires had the greatest increases between 1958 and 1968; Jerseys had much lower gains than other breeds between 1954 and 1963; the rate of improvement in Holsteins slowed in 1963 through 1968 compared to earlier years.

Percentage changes in fat yields varied more among periods and breeds than those for milk yield (0.05 to 1.80 percent). Again, Jerseys were generally lowest. Most average annual gains were slightly over 1.0 percent.

The range in percentage change in fat percent was much lower than those for milk or fat yields (-02.3 to +1.0 percent). Generally, the absolute magnitude of percentage changes in fat percents were 1.0 percent or smaller. Jerseys were the only breed that dropped in all periods. Substantial net drops also occurred in Ayrshires and Guernseys.

Table 10 also shows the large average annual increase in number of Official DHI records reported to USDA since 1954. For all periods the percentage increase in number reported was highest for Holsteins and lowest for Guernseys. Actually, 2.4 percent fewer Guernsey records were reported annually for the period 1963 to 1968. Holsteins are clearly increasing faster in Official DHI herds than any of the other breeds.

Cumulative percentage changes since 1954.--Table 11 shows the cumulative percentage gains or losses for all breeds and traits.

All breeds gained in milk yield between 1954 and 1968. The largest percentage gains were in Ayrshires (21.5 percent) and the smallest in Jerseys (13.3 percent). The other breeds were close in total percentage improvement (17-19 percent).

For fat yield, Holsteins had the highest gain (19.6 percent) with Ayrshires a close second (19.1 percent). Total gain in Jersey fat yield was 8.8 percent, only about half that of the 17.5 percent for Guernseys and 18.8 percent for Brown Swiss.

The number of Official DHI lactation records reported to USDA increased in all breeds between 1954 and 1968. The smallest increase has been in Guernseys (58 percent) and the greatest in Holsteins (537 percent). Ayrshires have about doubled gain (97 percent) and Jerseys and Brown Swiss have nearly tripled gain (182 and 184 percent, respectively).

Tables showing details of year trends by traits.--To facilitate comparisons of time trends for the various traits by breeds, detailed data for all breeds are combined in tables 12 to 15. The number of records available for cows calving

in each year are shown in table 12, milk yields in table 13, fat percentages in table 14, and fat yields in table 15.

Publication of other production averages.--Milk and fat yield averages for subsets of the data, such as those by State and by registered and grade cows, will be available in future Dairy-Herd-Improvement Letters.

TABLE 1.--Yearly lactation averages for Ayrshire cows calving from 1954 through 1968 on a 2X, 305-day, M.E. basis

| | Official DHI | | | |
|------|--------------|--------|---------|---------------|
| Year | records used | Milk | Fat | Fat |
| | Number | Pounds | Percent | <u>Pounds</u> |
| 1954 | 12,057 | 9,237 | 3.97 | 367 |
| 1955 | 12,774 | 9,333 | 3.98 | 372 |
| 1956 | 12,597 | 9,546 | 3.98 | 380 |
| 1957 | 14,184 | 9,620 | 3.98 | 383 |
| 1958 | 15,845 | 9,667 | 3.98 | 385 |
| 1959 | 16,765 | 9,619 | 3.95 | 380 |
| 1960 | 19,169 | 9,720 | 3.96 | 385 |
| 1961 | 20,634 | 9,877 | 3。94 | 390 |
| 1962 | 24,023 | 10,162 | 3.94 | 400 |
| 1963 | 24,300 | 10,436 | 3.94 | 411 |
| 1964 | 25,608 | 10,693 | 3.94 | 421 |
| 1965 | 25,653 | 10,749 | 3.92 | 422 |
| 1966 | 24,389 | 10,936 | 3.93 | 429 |
| 1967 | 24,647 | 11,007 | 3.91 | 430 |
| 1968 | 23,803 | 11,219 | 3.90 | 437 |

TABLE 2.--Yearly lactation averages for Guernsey cows calving from 1954 through 1968 on a 2X, 305-day, M.E. basis

| | 1 | | <u> </u> | |
|------|--------------|--------|----------|--------|
| 77 | Official DHI | 369 11 | | |
| Year | records used | Milk | Fat | Fat |
| | Number | Pounds | Percent | Pounds |
| 1954 | 70,990 | 8,146 | 4.70 | 383 |
| 1955 | 71,594 | 8,247 | 4.71 | 388 |
| 1956 | 71,194 | 8,387 | 4.71 | 395 |
| 1957 | 79,563 | 8,422 | 4.71 | 397 |
| 1958 | 86,173 | 8,542 | 4.71 | 402 |
| 1959 | 97,833 | 8,573 | 4.69 | 402 |
| 1960 | 107,723 | 8,577 | 4.70 | 403 |
| 1961 | 113,683 | 8,718 | 4.69 | 409 |
| 1962 | 128,129 | 8,895 | 4.70 | 418 |
| 1963 | 127,569 | 9,082 | 4.69 | 427 |
| 1964 | 130,867 | 9,208 | 4.68 | 431 |
| 1965 | 126,682 | 9,282 | 4.66 | 433 |
| 1966 | 120,652 | 9,449 | 4.66 | 440 |
| 1967 | 117,500 | 9,551 | 4.65 | 444 |
| 1968 | 112,146 | 9,712 | 4.63 | 450 |

TABLE 3.--Yearly lactation averages for Holstein cows calving from 1954 through 1968 on a 2X, 305-day, M.E. basis

| | Official DHI | | | |
|------|--------------|--------|---------|--------|
| Year | records used | Milk | Fat | Fat |
| Tear | | | | |
| | Number | Pounds | Percent | Pounds |
| 1954 | 217,903 | 11,871 | 3.57 | 423 |
| 1955 | 238,853 | 12,033 | 3.58 | 431 |
| 1956 | 248,955 | 12,159 | 3.59 | 437 |
| 1957 | 293,676 | 12,249 | 3.61 | 442 |
| 1958 | 342,437 | 12,495 | 3.61 | 451 |
| 1959 | 416,008 | 12,485 | 3.62 | 451 |
| 1960 | 546,231 | 12,469 | 3.61 | 451 |
| 1961 | 667,768 | 12,620 | 3.61 | 455 |
| 1962 | 822,118 | 12,959 | 3.61 | 468 |
| 1963 | 949,241 | 13,322 | 3.60 | 480 |
| 1964 | 1,138,375 | 13,570 | 3.60 | 489 |
| 1965 | 1,221,969 | 13,601 | 3.60 | 490 |
| 1966 | 1,246,581 | 13,790 | 3.61 | 498 |
| 1967 | 1,325,896 | 13,850 | 3.61 | 500 |
| 1968 | 1,387,737 | 14,032 | 3.61 | 506 |
| | | | | |

TABLE 4.--Yearly lactation averages for Jersey cows calving from 1954 through 1968 on a 2X, 305-day, M.E. basis

| | Official DHI | | | |
|------|--------------|--------|---------|--------|
| Year | records used | Milk | Fat | Fat |
| | Number | Pounds | Percent | Pounds |
| 1954 | 37,611 | 7,868 | 5.19 | 409 |
| 1955 | 38,587 | 7,923 | 5.19 | 411 |
| 1956 | 39,192 | 8,030 | 5.17 | 415 |
| 1957 | 43,050 | 7,986 | 5.17 | 413 |
| 1958 | 48,128 | 8,140 | 5.17 | 421 |
| 1959 | 52,312 | 8,119 | 5.14 | · 418 |
| 1960 | 65,835 | 8,069 | 5.10 | 412 |
| 1961 | 76,434 | 8,180 | 5.07 | 415 |
| 1962 | 87,828 | 8,294 | 5.07 | 421 |
| 1963 | 90,523 | 8,352 | 5.05 | 422 |
| 1964 | 101,218 | 8,506 | 5.03 | 428 |
| 1965 | 106,523 | 8,593 | 5.01 | 431 |
| 1966 | 105,484 | 8,718 | 5.01 | 437 |
| 1967 | 107,241 | 8,786 | 5.01 | 440 |
| 1968 | 106,976 | 8,914 | 5.00 | 445 |

TABLE 5.--Yearly lactation averages for Brown Swiss cows calving from 1954 through 1968 on a 2X, 305-day, M.E. basis

| Year | Official DHI records used | Milk | Fat | Fat |
|------|---------------------------|--------|---------|--------|
| | Number | Pounds | Percent | Pounds |
| 1954 | 10,191 | 10,442 | 4.00 | 417 |
| 1955 | 10,235 | 10,573 | 3.99 | 422 |
| 1956 | 10,891 | 10,755 | 4.01 | 431 |
| 1957 | 11,967 | 10,795 | 4.02 | 434 |
| 1958 | 12,677 | 11,089 | 4.03 | 447 |
| 1959 | 14,635 | 11,038 | 4.04 | 446 |
| 1960 | 17,603 | 10,887 | 4.03 | 439 |
| 1961 | 20,237 | 11,022 | 4.02 | 443 |
| 1962 | 23,100 | 11,279 | 4.03 | 454 |
| 1963 | 25,442 | 11,647 | 4.02 | 468 |
| 1964 | 28,792 | 11,885 | 4.01 | 477 |
| 1965 | 28,188 | 11,889 | 4.01 | 477 |
| 1966 | 27,743 | 12,053 | 4.02 | 485 |
| 1967 | 28,708 | 12,161 | 4.02 | 489 |
| 1968 | 28,768 | 12,232 | 4.02 | 491 |

TABLE 6.--Yearly lactation averages for Milking Shorthorn cows calving from 1954 through 1968 on a 2X, 305-day, M.E.basis

| | | _ | | |
|------|---------------------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Year | Official DHI records used | Milk | Fat | Fat |
| | Number | Pounds | Percent | Pounds |
| 1954 | 3,544 | 8,031 | 3.77 | 303 |
| 1955 | 3,428 | 8,198 | 3.77 | 309 |
| 1956 | 3,144 | 8,288 | 3.77 | 313 |
| 1957 | 3,029 | 8,370 | 3.77 | 316 |
| 1958 | 2,662 | 8,804 | 3.76 | 331 |
| 1959 | 2,756 | 8,780 | 3.78 | 332 |
| 1960 | 3,152 | 8,574 | 3.77 | 324 |
| 1961 | 3,305 | 8,795 | 3.77 | 331 |
| 1962 | 3,706 | 8,876 | 3.74 | 332 |
| 1963 | 3,786 | 9,178 | 3.68 | 338 |
| 1964 | 3,806 | 9,447 | 3.68 | 348 |
| 1965 | 3,760 | 9,429 | 3.69 | 348 |
| 1966 | 3,427 | 9,604 | 3.68 | 354 |
| 1967 | 1/1,209 | 1/9,753 | 1/3.69 | 1/360 |
| 1968 | $\frac{1}{2}$, 159 | <u>1</u> 710,066 | $\frac{1}{1}/3.71$ | <u>1</u> /374 |

^{1/} Includes only part of the records reported. The others will be entered and averages recomputed as soon as possible.

TABLE 7.--Yearly lactation averages for Red Dane cows calving from 1954 through 1968 on a 2X, 305-day, M.E. basis

| | Official DHI | | | |
|------|--------------|--------|---------|--------|
| Year | records used | Milk | Fat | Fat |
| | Number | Pounds | Percent | Pounds |
| 1954 | 417 | 9,744 | 3.96 | 386 |
| 1955 | 301 | 9,914 | 3.94 | 391 |
| 1956 | 136 | 10,207 | 3.94 | 402 |
| 1957 | 66 | 10,327 | 3.87 | 399 |
| 1958 | 77 | 10,348 | 3.74 | 387 |
| 1959 | 64 | 10,705 | 3.87 | 414 |
| 1960 | 129 | 10,801 | 3.97 | 429 |
| 1961 | 187 | 10,852 | 3.90 | 423 |
| 1962 | 181 | 11,497 | 3.92 | 450 |
| 1963 | 242 | 12,074 | 3.92 | 474 |
| 1964 | 245 | 12,265 | 3.89 | 477 |
| 1965 | 235 | 12,734 | 3.92 | 499 |
| 1966 | 210 | 12,904 | 3.90 | 503 |
| 1967 | 194 | 12,845 | 3.84 | 493 |
| 1968 | 193 | 13,487 | 3.93 | 530 |

TABLE 8.--Yearly lactation averages for Red Poll cows calving from 1960 through 1968 on a 2X, 305-day, M.E. basis

| Year | Official DHI records used <u>1</u> / | Milk | Fat | Fat |
|------|--------------------------------------|--------|---------|--------|
| | Number | Pounds | Percent | Pounds |
| 1960 | 105 | 7,651 | 4.08 | 312 |
| 1961 | 121 | 7,277 | 4.03 | 293 |
| 1962 | 124 | 7,125 | 4.02 | 287 |
| 1963 | 128 | 8,087 | 3.97 | 321 |
| 1964 | 135 | 8,113 | 3.93 | 319 |
| 1965 | 84 | 8,023 | 3.99 | 320 |
| 1966 | 77 | 8,552 | 4.01 | 343 |
| 1967 | 52 | 8,697 | 3.93 | 342 |
| 1968 | 53 | 9,067 | 3.79 | 343 |

^{1/} Less than 20 records available for each of the years 1954 through 1959.

TABLE 9.--Average annual changes in characteristics of Ayrshire, Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey, and Brown Swiss cows by period

| Period | Ayrshire | Guernsey | Holstein | Jersey | Brown Swiss |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------|-------------|
| | | <u>Milk</u> | Yield, pou | nds | |
| 1954 to 1958 | 108 | 99 | 156 | 68 | 162 |
| 1958 to 1963 | 154 | 108 | 165 | 42 | 112 |
| 1963 to 1968 | 157 | 126 | 142 | 112 | 117 |
| | Fat Yield, pounds | | | | |
| 1954 to 1958 | 4.5 | 4.8 | 7.0 | 3.0 | 7.5 |
| 1958 to 1963 | 5.2 | 5.0 | 5.8 | 0.2 | 4.2 |
| 1963 to 1968 | 5.2 | 4.6 | 5.2 | 4.6 | 4.6 |
| | | Fa | ıt, percent | | |
| 1954 to 1958 | 0.003 | 0.003 | 0.010 | -0.005 | 0.008 |
| 1958 to 1963 | 008 | 004 | 002 | 024 | 002 |
| 1963 to 1968 | 008 | 012 | .002 | 010 | .000 |
| | Official DHI lactation records reported, number | | | | |
| 1954 to 1958 | 947 | 3,796 | 31,134 | 2,629 | 622 |
| 1958 to 1963 | 1,691 | 8,279 | 121,361 | 8,479 | 2,553 |
| 1963 to 1968 | - 99 | -3,085 | 87,699 | 3,291 | 665 |

TABLE 10.--Annual percentage changes in characteristics of Ayrshire, Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey, and Brown Swiss cows by period

| Period | Ayrshire | Guernsey | Holstein | Jersey | Brown Swiss |
|-------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------|------------|--------|-------------|
| Milk Yield, percent | | | | | |
| 1954 to 1958 | 1.17 | 1.22 | 1.32 | 0.87 | 1.55 |
| 1958 to 1963 | 1.59 | 1.26 | 1.32 | .52 | 1.01 |
| 1963 to 1968 | 1.50 | 1.39 | 1.07 | 1.35 | 1.00 |
| | | Fat | Yield, per | cent | |
| 1954 to 1958 | 1.23 | 1.24 | 1.66 | .73 | 1.80 |
| 1958 to 1963 | 1.35 | 1.24 | 1.29 | .05 | .94 |
| 1963 to 1968 | 1.27 | 1.08 | 1.08 | 1.09 | .98 |
| | | <u>Fa</u> | t, percent | - | |
| 1954 to 1958 | .25 | .21 | 1.12 | 39 | .75 |
| 1958 to 1963 | -1.00 | 42 | 28 | -2.32 | 25 |
| 1963 to 1968 | -1.02 | -1.28 | .28 | 99 | .00 |
| Official DHI lactation records reported, number | | | | | |
| 1954 to 1958 | 7.86 | 5.35 | 14.29 | 6.99 | 6.10 |
| 1958 to 1963 | 10.67 | 9.61 | 35.44 | 17.62 | 20.14 |
| 1963 to 1968 | 41 | -2.42 | 9.24 | 3.64 | 2.61 |

TABLE 11.--Cumulative percentage changes at 5-year intervals for characteristics of Ayrshire, Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey, and Brown Swiss cows

| Year | Ayrshire | Guernsey | Holstein | Jersey | Brown Swiss | | |
|---------------------|----------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|--|--|
| Milk Yield, percent | | | | | | | |
| 1958 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 5.3 | 3.5 | 6.2 | | |
| 1963 | 13.0 | 11.5 | 12.2 | 6.2 | 11.5 | | |
| 1968 | 21.5 | 19.2 | 18.2 | 13.3 | 17.1 | | |
| | | Fat . | ield, perc | ent | | | |
| 1958 | 4.9 | 5.0 | 6.6 | 2.9 | 7.2 | | |
| 1963 | 12.0 | 11.5 | 13.5 | 3.2 | 12.2 | | |
| 1968 | 19.1 | 17.5 | 19.6 | 8.8 | 17.8 | | |
| | | Fat | , percent | | | | |
| 1958 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 1.1 | -0.4 | 0.8 | | |
| 1963 | 8 | 2 | .8 | -2.7 | • 5 | | |
| 1968 | -1.8 | -1.5 | 1.1 | -3.7 | 。5 | | |
| | 0f: | ficial DHI | | ecords rep | ported, | | |
| | | | number | | | | |
| 1958 | 31.4 | 21.4 | 57.2 | 28.0 | 24.4 | | |
| 1963 | 101.5 | 79.7 | 335.6 | 140.7 | 149.7 | | |
| 1968 | 97.4 | 58.0 | 536.9 | 184.4 | 182.3 | | |

^{1/} 1954 levels were used as the base.

TABLE 12.--Comparison of trends in number of Official DHI records available for lactation averages

| Year | Ayrshire | Guernsey | Holstein | Jersey | Brown Swiss | M. Short- horn | Red Dane | Red Poll |
|------|----------|----------|-----------|---------|----------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| | | | | Number | | | | |
| 1954 | 12,057 | 70,990 | 217,903 | 37,611 | 10,191 | 3,544 | 417 | $(\frac{1}{/})$. $(\frac{1}{/})$. $(\frac{1}{/})$. $(\frac{1}{/})$. $(\frac{1}{/})$. |
| 1955 | 12,774 | 71,594 | 238,853 | 38,587 | 10,235 | 3,428 | 301 | |
| 1956 | 12,597 | 71,194 | 248,955 | 39,192 | 10,891 | 3,144 | 136 | |
| 1957 | 14,184 | 79,563 | 293,676 | 43,050 | 11,967 | 3,029 | 66 | |
| 1958 | 15,845 | 86,173 | 342,437 | 48,128 | 12,677 | 2,662 | 77 | |
| 1959 | 16,765 | 97,833 | 416,008 | 52,312 | 14,635 | 2,756 | 64 | $(\frac{1}{105})$. 105 121 124 128 |
| 1960 | 19,169 | 107,723 | 546,231 | 65,835 | 17,603 | 3,152 | 129 | |
| 1961 | 20,634 | 113,683 | 667,768 | 76,434 | 20,237 | 3,305 | 187 | |
| 1962 | 24,023 | 128,129 | 822,118 | 87,828 | 23,100 | 3,706 | 181 | |
| 1963 | 24,300 | 127,569 | 949,241 | 90,523 | 25,442 | 3,786 | 242 | |
| 1964 | 25,608 | 130,867 | 1,138,375 | 101,218 | 28,792 | 3,806 | 245 | 135 |
| 1965 | 25,653 | 126,682 | 1,221,969 | 106,523 | 28,188 | 3,760 | 235 | 84 |
| 1966 | 24,389 | 120,652 | 1,246,581 | 105,484 | 27,743 | 3,427 | 210 | 77 |
| 1967 | 24,647 | 117,500 | 1,325,896 | 107,241 | 28,708 | 2/1,209 | 194 | 52 |
| 1968 | 23,803 | 112,146 | 1,387,737 | 106,976 | 28,768 | 2/2,159 | 193 | 53 |

 $[\]frac{1}{2}$ / Less than 20 records available for each of the years 1954 through 1959. $\frac{2}{2}$ / Includes only part of the records reported. The other records will be entered and averages recomputed as soon as possible.

TABLE 13.--Comparison of trends in milk yields on a 2x, 305-day, M.E. basis

| Year | Ayrshire | Guernsey | Holstein | Jersey | Brown Swiss | M. Short- horn | Red Dane | Red Poll |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| | | | | Pounds | | | | |
| 1954 1955 1956 1957 1958 | 9,237 9,333 9,546 9,620 9,667 | 8,146 8,247 8,387 8,422 8,542 | 11,871 12,033 12,159 12,249 12,495 | 7,868 7,923 8,030 7,986 8,140 | 10,442 10,573 10,755 10,795 11,089 | 8,031 8,198 8,288 8,370 8,804 | 9,744 9,914 10,207 10,327 10,348 | $(\frac{1}{})$. $(\frac{1}{})$. $(\frac{1}{})$. $(\frac{1}{})$. |
| 1959 1960 1961 1962 1963 | 9,619 9,720 9,877 10,162 10,436 | 8,573 8,577 8,718 8,895 9,082 | 12,485 12,469 12,620 12,959 13,322 | 8,119 8,069 8,180 8,294 8,352 | 11,038 10,887 11,022 11,279 11,647 | 8,780 8,574 8,795 8,876 9,178 | 10,705 10,801 10,852 11,497 12,074 | (1/). 7,651 7,277 7,125 8,087 |
| 1964 1965 1966 1967 1968 | 10,693 10,749 10,936 11,007 11,219 | 9,208 9,282 9,449 9,551 9,712 | 13,570 13,601 13,790 13,850 14,032 | 8,506 8,593 8,718 8,786 8,914 | 11,885 11,889 12,053 12,161 12,232 | 9,447 9,429 9,604 2/9,753 <u>2</u> /10,066 | 12,265 12,734 12,904 12,845 13,487 | 8,113 8,023 8,552 8,697 9,067 |

 $[\]frac{1}{2}$ / Less than 20 records available for each of the years 1954 through 1959. $\frac{2}{2}$ / Includes only part of the records reported. The other records will be entered and averages recomputed as soon as possible.

TABLE 14.--Comparison of trends in percent fat on a 2x, 305-day, M.E. basis

| Year | Ayrshire | Guernsey | Holstein | Jersey | Brown Swiss | M. Short- horn | Red Dane | Red Poll |
|------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|----------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| | | | <u>]</u> | Percent - | | | | |
| 1954 | 3.97 | 4.70 | 3.57 | 5.19 | 4.00 | 3.77 | 3.96 | $(\frac{1}{1})$. $(\frac{1}{1})$. $(\frac{1}{1})$. $(\frac{1}{1})$. $(\frac{1}{1})$. |
| 1955 | 3.98 | 4.71 | 3.58 | 5.19 | 3.99 | 3.77 | 3.94 | |
| 1956 | 3.98 | 4.71 | 3.59 | 5.17 | 4.01 | 3.77 | 3.94 | |
| 1957 | 3.98 | 4.71 | 3.61 | 5.17 | 4.02 | 3.77 | 3.87 | |
| 1958 | 3.98 | 4.71 | 3.61 | 5.17 | 4.03 | 3.76 | 3.74 | |
| 1959 | 3.95 | 4.69 | 3.62 | 5.14 | 4.04 | 3.78 | 3.87 | (1/) . |
| 1960 | 3.96 | 4.70 | 3.61 | 5.10 | 4.03 | 3.77 | 3.97 | 4.08 |
| 1961 | 3.94 | 4.69 | 3.61 | 5.07 | 4.02 | 3.77 | 3.90 | 4.03 |
| 1962 | 3.94 | 4.70 | 3.61 | 5.07 | 4.03 | 3.74 | 3.92 | 4.02 |
| 1963 | 3.94 | 4.69 | 3.60 | 5.05 | 4.02 | 3.68 | 3.92 | 3.97 |
| 1964 | 3.94 | 4.68 | 3.60 | 5.03 | 4.01 | 3.68 | 3.89 | 3.93 |
| 1965 | 3.92 | 4.66 | 3.60 | 5.01 | 4.01 | 3.69 | 3.92 | 3.99 |
| 1966 | 3.93 | 4.66 | 3.61 | 5.01 | 4.02 | 3.68 | 3.90 | 4.01 |
| 1967 | 3.91 | 4.65 | 3.61 | 5.01 | 4.02 | <u>2/3.69</u> | 3.84 | 3.93 |
| 1968 | 3.90 | 4.63 | 3.61 | 5.00 | 4.02 | <u>2/</u> 3.71 | 3.93 | 3.79 |

 $[\]frac{1}{2}$ Less than 20 records available for each of the years 1954 through 1959. Includes only part of the records reported. The other records will be entered and averages recomputed as soon as possible.

TABLE 15.--Comparison of trends in fat yields on a 2x, 305-day, M.E. basis

| Year | Ayrshire | Guernsey | Holstein | Jersey | Brown Swiss | Milking Shorthorn | Red Dane | Red Poll |
|------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| | | | | Pounds - | | | | |
| 1954 | 367 | 383 | 423 | 409 | 417 | 303 | 386 | $(\frac{1}{1})$. $(\frac{1}{2})$. $(\frac{1}{2})$. $(\frac{1}{2})$. |
| 1955 | 372 | 388 | 431 | 411 | 422 | 309 | 391 | |
| 1956 | 380 | 395 | 437 | 415 | 431 | 313 | 402 | |
| 1957 | 383 | 397 | 442 | 413 | 434 | 316 | 399 | |
| 1958 | 385 | 402 | 451 | 421 | 447 | 331 | 387 | |
| 1959 | 380 | 402 | 451 | 418 | 446 | 332 | 414 | $(\frac{1}{})$. 312 293 287 321 |
| 1960 | 385 | 403 | 451 | 412 | 439 | 324 | 429 | |
| 1961 | 390 | 409 | 455 | 415 | 443 | 331 | 423 | |
| 1962 | 400 | 418 | 468 | 421 | 454 | 332 | 450 | |
| 1963 | 411 | 427 | 480 | 422 | 468 | 338 | 474 | |
| 1964 | 421 | 431 | 489 | 428 | 477 | 348 | 477 | 319 |
| 1965 | 422 | 433 | 490 | 431 | 477 | 348 | 499 | 320 |
| 1966 | 429 | 440 | 498 | 437 | 485 | 354 | 503 | 343 |
| 1967 | 430 | 444 | 500 | 440 | 489 | <u>2</u> /360 | 493 | 342 |
| 1968 | 437 | 450 | 506 | 445 | 491 | <u>2</u> /374 | 530 | 343 |

 $[\]frac{1}{2}$ Less than 20 records available for each of the years 1954 through 1959. $\frac{2}{2}$ Includes only part of the records reported. The other records will be entered and averages recomputed as soon as possible.

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